

**R001 - 0910**

10      **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE BALTIMORE AND POTOMAC TUNNEL**

20      **WHEREAS:**     Amtrak's North East Corridor (NEC) is not only the most traveled rail line in the  
30                             United States, but is also America's only high speed rail line; and,

40      **WHEREAS:**     This rail line is slowed by several major bottlenecks; and,

50      **WHEREAS:**     The worst of these bottlenecks is the Baltimore and Potomac tunnel, which the  
60                             NEC passes through southbound out of Baltimore Penn Station; and,

70      **WHEREAS:**     The current layout of this tunnel includes two sharp turns that limit trains to 30  
80                             miles per hour; and,

90      **WHEREAS:**     Replacing this tunnel with a new, smooth tunnel would permit high speed trains  
100                            to traverse the tunnel at their top speed; and,

110     **WHEREAS:**     Increasing speeds on the NEC will increase traffic on the NEC, and in turn,  
120                            increase passenger traffic into Baltimore city; and,

130     **WHEREAS:**     Higher passenger traffic translates into more businesses and more tourists  
140                            coming into Baltimore.

150     **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature encourages  
160                            the start of a study into replacing the Baltimore and Potomac Tunnel with a new,  
170                            high speed tunnel.

180     **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That this replacement tunnel should be a cooperative effort  
190                            between the City of Baltimore, the State of Maryland, and the federal  
200                            government.

210     **MANDATES:**

220     Governor Martin O'Malley, State of Maryland

230     Mayor Shela Dixon, City of Baltimore

240     Secretary Beverley K. Swaim-Staley, Maryland Department of Transportation

250     Secretary Ray LaHood, United States Department of Transportation

260     Representative Steny Hoyer, United States Congress

270     Representative Frank Kratovil, United States Congress

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